



United States
of America

Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 117th CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

Vol. 167

WASHINGTON, MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022

No. 223

Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 12:00.

House of Representatives

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. DINGELL).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 3, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE DINGELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy and infinite God, we approach You this morning praying Your benediction on the first year of this 117th Congress.

In the year that has passed, much has transpired, the likes of which we could never have imagined nor predicted, yet all of which has been held captive to Your grace plan, both because of and despite our own actions and decisions.

Give Your blessing to those choices we have made and behaviors we have displayed which have reflected the divine love, grace, and mercy You have shown each of us and this Nation.

Call us to account for those choices we have made and behaviors we have displayed which have fallen short of the attitudes of generosity, kindness,

and forbearance for which You have created us.

In this last year, You started a good work in us. Compel each to carry it on to completion with decisions of decency, attitudes of gratitude, and a commitment to civility in our service to You and to this country.

In the name of the one whose love never ends, we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 3, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Under Clause 2(g) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I herewith designate Mr. Kevin F. McCumber, Deputy Clerk, Ms. Lisa P. Grant, Deputy Clerk, Ms. Tonya Sloans, Legal Counsel, and Ms. Cheryl H. Muller, Director of Personnel, to sign any and all papers and perform all other acts for me under the name of the Clerk of the House for which they would be authorized to do by virtue of this designation, except such as are provided by statute, in case of my temporary absence or disability.

This designation shall remain in effect for the 117th Congress, or until such time that the designation requires modification.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk of the House.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 1, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I write to inform you that I have notified California Governor Gavin Newsom of my resignation from the U.S. House of Representatives, effective today at 11:59 PM EST.

I has been the honor of my life to represent the people of California's San Joaquin Valley

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



Printed on recycled paper.

H7847

for the last 19 years. Please let me know how I can be of help during this transition.

Sincerely,

DEVIN NUNES,
Member of Congress.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 1, 2022.

Hon. GAVIN NEWSOM,
Governor, State of California,
Sacramento, CA.

DEAR GOVERNOR NEWSOM: I write to inform you that I am resigning my position as the United States Congressman for California's 22nd Congressional District, effective today at 11:59 PM EST.

It has been the honor of my life to represent the people of California's San Joaquin Valley for the last 19 years. Please let me know how I can be of help during this transition.

Sincerely,

DEVIN NUNES,
Member of Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that in light of the resignation of the gentleman from California (Mr. NUNES), the whole number of the House is 433.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1156

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. DINGELL) at 11 o'clock and 56 minutes a.m.

SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the 20th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the Chair declares the First Session of the 117th Congress adjourned sine die.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 56 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-3041. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Robert D. Sharp, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1370(c)(1); Public Law 96-513, Sec. 112 (as amended by Public Law 104-106, Sec. 502(b)); (110 Stat. 293); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3042. A letter from the Undersecretary of Defense, Comptroller, Department of De-

fense, transmitting the semiannual report titled, "Acceptance of Contributions For Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account", pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2608(e); Public Law 101-403, Sec. 202(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 112-81, Sec. 1064(7)); (125 Stat. 1587); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3043. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medicaid Program; Delay of Effective Date for Provision Relating to Manufacturer Reporting of Multiple Best Prices Connected to a Value Based Purchasing Arrangement; Delay of Inclusion of Territories in Definition of States and United States [CMS-2482-F2] (RIN: 0938-AT82) received December 9, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3044. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's issuance of regulatory guide — Control of Heavy Loads at Nuclear Facilities [Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.244, Rev 0] received December 23, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3045. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of the Actuary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major rule — Medicare Program; CY 2022 Part A Premiums for the Uninsured Aged and for Certain Disabled Individuals Who Have Exhausted other Entitlement [CMS-8078-N] (RIN: 0938-AU47) received December 9, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3046. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's Regulatory Guide — Control of Heavy Loads at Nuclear Facilities [Regulatory Guide 1.244, Revision 0] received December 20, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3047. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's regulatory guide — Quality Group Classifications and Standards for Water-, Steam-, and Radioactive-waste-containing Components of Nuclear Power Plants [Regulatory Guide 1.26, Revision 6] received December 20, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3048. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's Regulatory Guide — Geologic and Geotechnical Site Characterization Investigations for Nuclear Power Plants [Regulatory Guide 1.132, Revision 3] received December 13, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3049. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's Regulatory Guide — Evaluating the Habitability of a Nuclear Power Plant Control Room During a Postulated Hazardous Chemical Release [Regulatory Guide 1.178, Revision 2] received December 23, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3050. A letter from the Associate General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting four (4) notifications of a designation of an acting officer, nomination, and action on nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3051. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the Semi-annual Report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1, 2021-September 30, 2021; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3052. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting Department's September 2021 Semi-Annual Inspector General report, pursuant to section 5(b) of the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3053. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the semiannual reports to Congress from the Treasury Inspector General and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration covering the reporting period of April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3054. A letter from the Chair, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting the Commission's 2021 Semi-Annual Inspector General report, pursuant to section 5(b) of the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3055. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting Commission's September 2021 Semi-Annual Inspector General report, pursuant to section 5(b) of the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3056. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Secretariat Division, Office of Government wide Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — General Services Administration Federal Acquisition Regulation (GSAR); Architect-Engineer Selection Procedures [GSAR Case 2015-G505; Docket No.: GSAR-GSAR 2021-0029; Sequence No. 1] (RIN: 3090-AJ65) received December 23, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3057. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2021, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3058. A letter from the Chair, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting the Board's report on competitive sourcing efforts for FY 2021, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 501 note; Public Law 108-199, Sec. 647(b); (118 Stat. 361); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3059. A letter from the Chairman, Labor Member, Management Member, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2021, including the Office of Inspector General's Auditor's Report, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3060. A letter from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's Semi-Annual Inspector General report covering the period April 1, 2021, through September 30, 2021, pursuant to section 5(b) of the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3061. A letter from the Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting

Commission's September 2021 Semi-Annual Inspector General report, pursuant to section 5(b) of the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3062. A letter from the Executive Secretary, United States Agency for International Development, transmitting nine (9) notifications of a designation of an acting officer, nomination, and action on nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3063. A letter from the Register of Copyrights, United States Copyright Office, transmitting a letter regarding the establishment of the Copyright Claims Board, pursuant to Public Law 116-260, div. Q, title II, Sec. 212(d); (134 Stat. 2199); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3064. A letter from the Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's report to Congress titled, "Assistance Provided to Foreign Aviation Authorities for FY 2021", pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 40113(e)(4); Public Law 103-272, Sec. 1(e) (as amended by Public Law 112-95, Sec. 207); (126 Stat. 39); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3065. A letter from the Director, Regulations and Disclosure Law Division, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Extension of Import Restrictions Imposed on Certain Archaeological and Ethnological Material of Bolivia [CBP Dec. 21-18] (RIN: 1515-AE69) received December 14, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-3066. A letter from the Director, Regulations and Disclosure Law Division, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Extension and Amendment of Import Restrictions on Archaeological Material and Imposition of Import Restrictions on Ethnological Material of Egypt [CBP Dec. 21-17] (RIN: 1515-AE70) received December 9, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Ms. WILD (for herself and Ms. MACE):

H.R. 6353. A bill to authorize the National Service Animals Monument Corporation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Ms. WILD:

H.R. 6353.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV Section 3 Clause 2, federal land powers

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 67: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H.R. 73: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H.R. 481: Ms. HOULAHAN.
H.R. 821: Mr. PHILLIPS.
H.R. 1012: Mr. HILL.
H.R. 1258: Mr. KIND.
H.R. 1297: Mr. PHILLIPS.
H.R. 1321: Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. MCKINLEY, and Mr. PAYNE.
H.R. 1454: Mr. YARMUTH.
H.R. 1577: Ms. ADAMS, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. HORSFORD, and Ms. JAYAPAL.
H.R. 1906: Mr. YARMUTH.

H.R. 2168: Ms. LEE of California.
H.R. 2192: Ms. TENNEY.
H.R. 2256: Mr. TRONE.
H.R. 2356: Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 2499: Mr. KILMER.
H.R. 2886: Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. BASS, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mrs. TRAHAN, and Mr. HORSFORD.
H.R. 3015: Mr. YARMUTH.
H.R. 3109: Mr. BLUMENAUER and Mr. WENSTRUP.
H.R. 3172: Mr. NEWHOUSE and Mr. PHILLIPS.
H.R. 3259: Mr. SUOZZI.
H.R. 3402: Mr. PETERS.
H.R. 3525: Ms. BARRAGAN and Mr. KILMER.
H.R. 3554: Mr. GREEN of Tennessee.
H.R. 3577: Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. LIEU, and Ms. PORTER.
H.R. 3586: Mr. EVANS, Mr. GARAMENDI, and Ms. BROWNLEY.
H.R. 4070: Ms. SLOTKIN.
H.R. 4097: Ms. CLARKE of New York and Mr. YARMUTH.
H.R. 4341: Mr. BACON.
H.R. 4437: Mr. NEGUSE.
H.R. 4594: Mr. STANTON.
H.R. 4666: Mr. LAMB.
H.R. 4803: Mr. BLUMENAUER.
H.R. 5131: Mr. BLUMENAUER.
H.R. 5141: Mr. MFUME, Mr. GREEN of Texas, and Mr. CARSON.
H.R. 5377: Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 5382: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 5414: Mrs. AXNE and Mrs. LEE of Nevada.
H.R. 5577: Mr. BUCHANAN and Mr. SCALISE.
H.R. 5585: Mr. QUIGLEY and Mr. MOULTON.
H.R. 5736: Mr. TONKO.
H.R. 5766: Mr. PAPPAS.
H.R. 5834: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 5914: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 5975: Mr. PHILLIPS.
H.R. 6005: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.
H.R. 6023: Mr. WELCH.
H.R. 6078: Mr. PALLONE.
H.R. 6109: Mr. SUOZZI.
H.R. 6250: Ms. NORTON and Mrs. HAYES.
H.R. 6267: Miss RICE of New York.
H.R. 6287: Mr. TAYLOR.
H. Con. Res. 65: Ms. DEAN.
H. Res. 103: Mr. CORREA, Mr. GOMEZ, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. VARGAS, and Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois.
H. Res. 404: Mrs. LURIA.